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For: METHOD FOR ENCODING AND DECODING MOVING PICTURE SIGNALS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

The references were cited in a corresponding Japanese patent application.

The relevance of the references may be determined upon reference to the corresponding English language documents, as follows.

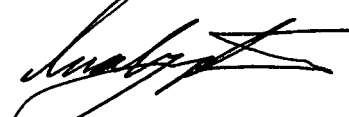
An English language translation is provided for two of the Japanese language documents, JP 2-272851 and JP 7-111651.

A corresponding United States Patent, USP 5,557,331, is provided for the third Japanese language document, JP 7-15729. As can be readily observed, the drawing figures of the US patent and Japanese document are substantially identical.

Having conformed with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the references and that the documents be appropriately listed.

Respectfully submitted,

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